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SUBJECT: PRAVDA CALLS HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN PART
OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR

PRAVDA OF AUGUST 12 CARRIES LONG ARTICLE SIGNED BY
V. BOLSHAKOV ENTITLED "HUMAN RIGHTS' IN THE STRATEGY
OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR". BOLSHAKOV'S MAJOR THESIS IS
THAT WESTERN EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS

-- AN ASPECT OF A LONG-TERM PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO UNDERMINE COMMUNIST RULE.
BOLSHAKOV:

-- CLAIMS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS DO NOT EXIST UNDER
CAPITALISM;

-- CITES AMBASSADOR YOUNG (AS HAS THE SOVIET PRESS
REPEATEDLY IN RECENT WEEKS) ON POLITICAL PRISONERS IN
THE U.S.;

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-- CITES VARIOUS WESTERN SOURCES, INCLUDING "THE
LATEST SECRET CIRCULARS OF NATO", TO DEMONSTRATE THAT
HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS ARE PART OF THE WEST'S
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE EFFORT AGAINST THE EAST;

-- STATES THAT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968 ARE

AN EXAMPLE OF EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE COMMUNISM WITH NOTIONS SUCH AS "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM";

-- ASSERTS THAT THE "HYSTERICAL REACTION IN THE U.S." AND ELSEWHERE OVER THE "RECENT TRIAL OF THE SPY A. SHCHARANSKIY" SHOWS THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN IS INTENDED TO UNDERMINE COMMUNIST RULE; AND

-- CONCLUDES BY ASSERTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS, BASED ON THE NOTION OF PRESSURE ON THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO BRING ABOUT EVOLUTION OF THEIR POLITICAL STRUCTURES, ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND OF VARIOUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE WESTERN COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: BOLSHAKOV'S PIECE IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OUTPOURING IN RECENT WEEKS OF SOVIET INVECTIVE TOWARD THE WEST ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BOLSHAKOV'S PARTICULAR ANGLE IS TO PUT THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN A PERSPECTIVE WHICH ENABLES HIM TO CONCLUDE THAT THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" WAGED BY THE WEST VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW. TOON

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